Accidents of Fighter Aircrafts

340. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many Indian fighter aircraft have met with accidents during the last three years; and

(b) the reasons for the accidents and action being taken to control this phenomenon?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Since 1997-98 till 20th July 2000, IAF has lost 58 fighter planes in accidents.

(b) The main reasons of these accidents were technical defects, human error and bird hit.

A High Power Committee on fighter Aircraft Accidents (COFAA) was constituted under the chairmanship of Scientific Adviser to Raksha Mantri to analyse the causes of accidents which submitted its report in September, 1997. It has made certain recommendations to minimise accident rate. Implementation of these recommendations would involve changes in organisational structure, procedures, training, design technology etc. About 55 out of 84 recommendations have been implemented so far.

Death certificate of a Major

341. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Major K.P. Miyan of EME Records, Secunderabad was reported dead on the 18th July, 1999;

(b) whether it is a fact that till date, the Army authorities have not received any death certificate issued by a registered medical practitioner confirming reasons for death of Major K.P. Miyan;

(c) whether it is also a fact that dues pertaining to Major K.P. Miyan have already been released in favour of Smt. Dharam Bhagti without production of his death certificate or Post Mortem report; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) As per the records available with the Army HQrs., no benefits have been paid to the NOK or any body. As the case is subjudice, financial and other benefits will be released on receipt of court orders.